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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Susumu Hizukuri

Serial No.: 09/674,242

Examiner: Lewis, Patrick T.

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Art Unit: 1623

Confirmation No.: 4952

For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF L-ARABINOSE BY ACIDIC HYDROLYSIS (Continuation)**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as shown. Our firm's check in the amount of \$180 for a late Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Additionally, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, counsel wishes to make of record the attached additional items of information for the Examiner's consideration in connection with this application. Also enclosed is a form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's convenience in making such consideration of record. Inclusion herein of any particular item of information is not to be construed as an admission that same is prior art.

If any fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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